

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT

42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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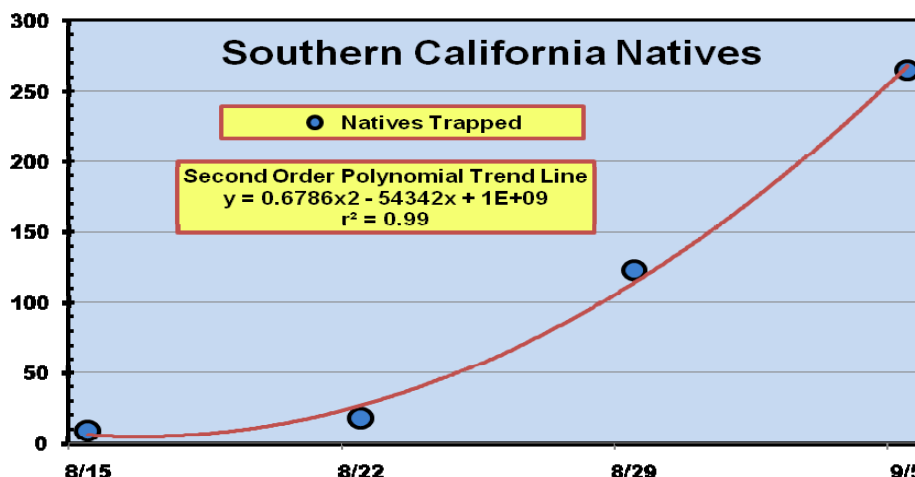
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Pink Bollworm Activities

Southern California:

Native Pink Bollworm (PBW) moth captures have increased for four consecutive weeks. This week, the native count for Imperial County was 37. This is a 270% increase compared to last week. The 47 natives caught in the “highway line” traps this week is a 62% increase over the 29 caught last week. Riverside County natives caught this week totaled 181, a 115% increase over last weeks 84 natives. Imperial County trapped 81% fewer natives than the 191 trapped in 2008. Riverside County native captures were 40% lower than the 304 trapped during the same week in 2008. The moths trapped in the “highway line” traps represent a 76% decrease compared to the 467 trapped during the same week in 2008.



San Joaquin Valley:

There were 11,950,245 sterile moths released this week, bringing the season total to 172,361,941. The Shafter Identification Lab examined 111 traps containing 903 sterile moths in traps from Kern, Kings, Fresno, and Merced Counties. There were two natives trapped this week. Native finds 46 and 47 for the 2009 season were new finds a few miles north and east of Dos Palos, in Merced County. The Lab also examined 198 traps from Southern California traps which contained 2,131 sterile moths and 265 native moths.

Sacramento Valley:

Traps will be examined and removed in three weeks.